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#### BATH-BRUNSWICK LABOR MARKET AREA

The unemployment rate in the Bath-Brunswick Labor Market Area fell from 6.2 percent in October to 5.8 percent in November. The declining rate was largely a result of the reduction in both resident employment and unemployment. Meanwhile, the state's unemployment rate increased from 7.4 percent to 7.6 percent, while the national rate fell from 8.4 percent to 8.1 percent. Between October and November, local resident employment declined from 22,750 to 22,220, with layoffs in shipbuilding; contract construction; eating and drinking places; and hotels, motels, and other lodging places. Total unemployment in the area decreased from 1,510 to 1,380, as many individuals dropped out of the labor force. Last year at this time, 1,290 people were unemployed, and the unemployment rate was 5.2 percent.

#### BIDDEFORD-SANFORD LABOR MARKET AREA

Falling employment resulted in the unemployment rate rising moderately during November in the Biddeford-Sanford LMA. Employment dropped from 29,900 in October to 29,500 in November, while the number unemployed remained unchanged at 2,300. The local unemployment rate rose slightly from 7.1 percent to 7.2 percent. Manufacturing employment increased 200; however the gain was more than offset by seasonal downturns in services and construction employment. For the second month the local unemployment rate of 7.2 percent remained below the state and national rates of 7.6 percent and 8.1 percent, respectively.

#### LEWISTON-AUBURN STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Labor market conditions in the Lewiston-Auburn SMSA were mixed in November, as the area experienced a reduction in both employment and unemployment. From October to November, resident employment dropped from 36,100 to 35,600, while unemployment fell from 3,000 to 2,900. The resulting local unemployment rate was 7.5 percent in November, compared with 7.7 percent last month and 7.9 percent a year ago. Meanwhile, the state's unemployment rate increased from 7.4 percent in October to 7.6 percent in November, while the national rate fell from 8.4 percent to 8.1 percent. Between October and November, local nonfarm wage and salary employment declined from 34,600 to 34,400. Employment in manufacturing dipped by 200, with losses of 100 jobs each in textile mill products and leather and leather products. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector remained unchanged, as a seasonal increase of 100 jobs in wholesale and retail trade was offset by a similar loss in contract construction. Over one hundred additional jobs were lost in agriculture accompanying the end of the apple harvest.

#### PORTLAND STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Between October and November, employment and unemployment both declined in the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). Unemployment dropped by 400 to 5,400. The unemployment rate in the Portland SMSA fell from 5.8 percent in October to 5.4 percent in November. At the same time, the statewide rate rose to 7.6 percent, and the national unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent. The drop in employment in the Portland SMSA can be attributed chiefly to employment losses in the nonfarm sector. Within nonmanufacturing the services sector declined 600, largely the result of employment losses in health services. Manufacturing, however, increased by 100. November's local unemployment rate of 5.4 percent compares favorably with the rate of 5.9 percent registered a year ago.

#### RUMFORD LABOR MARKET AREA

Labor market conditions in the Rumford Labor Market Area improved somewhat in November. Resident employment increased from 18,260 to 18,270, while unemployment fell from 1,720 to 1,580. The resulting local unemployment rate for November was 8.0 percent; this compares to 8.6 for October and 8.7 percent for November a year ago. Meanwhile, the state's unemployment rate rose from 7.4 percent in October to 7.6 percent in November, while the national rate declined from 8.4 percent to 8.1 percent. The over-the-month improvement in local labor market conditions was largely attributable to employment increases in the area's shaped wood and shoe industries, which more than offset a seasonal decline in contract construction.

#### WATERVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Resident employment increased in the Waterville Labor Market Area from October to November. Although employment in nonmanufacturing evidenced seasonal losses, manufacturing evidenced some employment gains. Within manufacturing slight employment declines in lumber and wood products were more than offset by employment gains in both paper and allied products and apparel. In addition, employment in both food and kindred products and textile mill products remained relatively unchanged. Resident employment rose from 19,760 in October to 19,890 in November, while the number unemployed dropped from 1,670 to 1,630. The resulting unemployment rate of 7.6 percent matched the statewide rate and was well below the national rate of 8.1 percent. The local unemployment rate for November was also below the 7.8 percent recorded in October. A year ago 20,210 local residents were employed, while 1,620 persons were jobless. At that time the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.





CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY MAINE LABOR MARKET AREA, NEW ENGLAND STATES, AND THE UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>

AREAS	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE			RESIDENT EMPLOYED		
	Nov. 83 <sup>2</sup>	Oct. 83 <sup>2</sup>	Nov. 82 <sup>3</sup>	Nov. 83	Oct. 83	Nov. 82	Nov. 83	Oct. 83	Nov. 82	Nov. 83	Oct. 83	Nov. 82
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
AUGUSTA	28,710	28,920	28,230	1,860	1,860	1,980	6.5	6.4	7.0	26,850	27,060	26,250
BANGOR-BREWER	45,000	45,400	42,000	3,300	3,300	2,900	7.3	7.3	6.9	41,700	42,100	39,100
BATH-BRUNSWICK	23,600	24,260	24,640	1,380	1,510	1,290	5.8	6.2	5.2	22,220	22,750	23,350
BELFAST	10,710	11,240	10,440	1,170	1,170	1,090	10.9	10.4	10.4	9,540	10,070	9,350
BIDDEFORD-SANFORD	31,800	32,200	31,400	2,300	2,300	2,900	7.2	7.1	9.2	29,500	29,900	28,500
BOOTHBAY HARBOR-WISCASSET	7,580	8,510	6,830	580	510	500	7.7	6.0	7.3	7,000	8,000	6,330
CALAIS-EASTPORT	14,000	14,300	14,230	1,480	1,410	1,780	10.6	9.9	12.5	12,520	12,890	12,450
CARIBOU-PRESQUE ISLE	20,170	20,980	19,330	3,310	3,360	2,200	16.4	16.0	11.4	16,860	17,620	17,130
CENTRAL PENOBSCOT	3,550	3,580	3,540	220	250	250	6.2	7.0	7.1	3,330	3,330	3,290
DOVER-FOXCROFT	6,660	6,810	6,730	430	450	540	6.5	6.6	8.0	6,230	6,360	6,190
ELLSWORTH	19,340	20,920	21,650	1,270	1,120	1,440	6.6	5.4	6.7	18,070	19,800	20,210
FARMINGTON	13,000	13,130	12,840	1,230	1,110	1,010	9.5	8.5	7.9	11,770	12,020	11,830
FORT KENT-ALLAGASH	4,900	5,440	4,490	350	380	410	7.1	7.0	9.1	4,550	5,060	4,080
GREENVILLE	1,500	1,550	1,610	60	60	100	4.0	3.9	6.2	1,440	1,490	1,510
HOULTON	4,730	5,020	4,640	490	490	470	10.4	9.8	10.1	4,240	4,530	4,170
KITTERY-YORK	19,560	22,000	17,990	640	570	750	3.3	2.6	4.2	18,920	21,430	17,240
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA	38,500	39,100	37,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	7.5	7.7	7.9	35,600	36,100	34,900
LINCOLN-HOWLAND	5,560	5,560	5,480	380	380	480	6.8	6.8	8.8	5,180	5,180	5,000
LIVERMORE FALLS	5,880	5,970	5,630	660	560	550	11.2	9.4	9.8	5,220	5,410	5,080
MADAWASKA-VAN BUREN	4,250	4,720	4,150	460	530	540	10.8	11.2	13.0	3,790	4,190	3,610
MECHANIC FALLS	2,430	2,640	2,320	270	260	300	11.1	9.8	12.9	2,160	2,380	2,020
MILLINOCKET-EAST MILLINOCKET	5,010	5,120	5,080	300	330	280	6.0	6.4	5.5	4,710	4,790	4,800
PATTEN-ISLAND FALLS	2,290	2,480	2,300	170	190	250	7.4	7.7	10.9	2,120	2,290	2,050
PORTLAND SMSA	99,600	100,700	95,600	5,400	5,800	5,600	5.4	5.8	5.9	94,200	94,900	90,000
ROCKLAND	17,080	17,580	17,120	1,400	1,250	1,530	8.2	7.1	8.9	15,680	16,330	15,590
RUMFORD	19,850	19,980	19,840	1,580	1,720	1,720	8.0	8.6	8.7	18,270	18,260	18,120
SEBAGO LAKES REGION	10,300	10,640	10,100	720	730	760	7.0	6.9	7.5	9,580	9,910	9,340
SKOWHEGAN	21,050	21,680	21,250	2,220	2,170	2,150	10.5	10.0	10.1	18,830	19,510	19,100
SOUTHWEST PENOBSCOT	8,150	8,210	7,960	800	810	970	9.8	9.9	12.2	7,350	7,400	6,990
WATERVILLE	21,520	21,430	21,830	1,630	1,670	1,620	7.6	7.8	7.4	19,890	19,760	20,210
STATES: <sup>4</sup>												
MAINE	516.3	529.9	507.0	39.0	39.1	39.3	7.6	7.4	7.8	477.3	490.8	467.7
CONNECTICUT	N/A	1,631.4	1,614.1	N/A	76.4	109.3	N/A	4.7	6.8	N/A	1,555.0	1,504.8
MASSACHUSETTS	3,064.0	3,033.0	3,027.5	171.0	195.0	195.3	5.6	6.4	6.5	2,894.0	2,838.0	2,832.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	N/A	506.0	485.9	N/A	19.6	35.8	N/A	3.9	7.4	N/A	486.4	450.2
RHODE ISLAND	N/A	484.7	481.1	N/A	31.6	44.4	N/A	6.5	9.2	N/A	453.1	436.6
VERMONT	N/A	269.3	265.8	N/A	13.5	18.5	N/A	5.0	7.0	N/A	255.8	247.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES <sup>4</sup>												
	N/A	6,454.3	6,381.4	N/A	375.2	442.6	N/A	5.8	6.9	N/A	6,079.1	5,938.7
UNITED STATES <sup>4</sup>												
	112,147	112,042	110,855	9,129	9,383	11,476	8.1	8.4	10.4	103,018	102,659	99,379

<sup>1</sup> All estimates shown are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates for the State and sub-State areas have been benchmarked to the latest Current Population Survey estimates for the State

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>4</sup> In thousands.

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A BRIEF ANALYSIS COVERING SELECTED MAINE LABOR MARKET AREAS

AUGUSTA LABOR MARKET AREA

Resident employment fell 210 from October to November in the Augusta Labor Market Area. In the nonfarm sector, both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing evidenced employment declines during the month. In manufacturing slight employment losses occurred in textile mill products and metals and machinery, while paper and allied products and leather and leather products remained relatively unchanged. Traditional losses in nondomestic services and contract construction were evidenced in the nonmanufacturing sector. Resident employment of 26,850, coupled with unemployment of 1,860, resulted in an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent, or 0.1 percentage points above the October rate. The local unemployment rate compares favorably with both the state and the national unemployment rates of 7.6 percent and 8.1 percent, respectively. A year ago the local unemployment rate stood at 7.0 percent. At that time 26,250 residents were employed, while 1,980 were jobless.

BANGOR-BREWER LABOR MARKET AREA

Labor market conditions in the Bangor-Brewer Labor Market Area, measured in terms of unemployment, remained relatively unchanged between October and November. Resident employment declined from 42,100 in October to 41,700 in November, while both unemployment and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3,300 and 7.3 percent, respectively. A year ago 2,900 residents were unemployed, and the unemployment rate stood at 6.9 percent. Manufacturing employment declined by approximately 60 between October and November, with the largest decrease occurring in the leather and leather products industry. In nonmanufacturing, employment growth occurred in wholesale and retail trade and nondomestic services.

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